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RUSSELL & Co., Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883.

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. TO ECORD of AMERICAN and FOREIGN SHIPPING.

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THE Undersigned has received instructions from Inspector CLEAVER to Sell by Public Auction, at his Residence, No. 24, Elgin

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Consisting of :-DRAWING, DINING, and BED ROOM TERMS.—Cash.

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Hongkong, 22nd March 1883.

NOTICE.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. TURING my absence Mr. STEWART MUNN MCLEISH will Ston my Name Per Procuration.

WM. CRUICKSHANK. Hongkong, 26th March, 1883. THE EASTERN EXTENSION

AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED. MR. WILLIAM BULLARD is appointed to Act as SUPERINTENDENT at this

Station from TO-DAY. By Order, J. ENSTON SQUIER,

Superintendent. Hongkong, 24th March, 1883. NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE and Mr. JOHN GORDON TALBOT HASSELL in Our Firm has Ceased and it is Closed in Hongkong from This Date, Mr. DALRYMPLE being Authorised to Sign "In Liquidation in Hongkong." BIRLEY & Co.

1st March, 1883.

Mr. JAMES LYON PLAYFAIR SAN-DERSON are This Day admitted PARTNERS in Our Firms at Canton and Foochow.

BIRLEY & Co._

1st March, 1883.

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TR. HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE Acts as Correspondent of Messrs. BIRLEY & Co. here, and has commenced Business under

the style of BIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & Co. Hongkong, 1st March, 1883.

X7E have authorised Mr. FRIEDRICH HEINRICH HOHNKE to sign our Firm from this date.

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Hongkong, 6th February, 1883.

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MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

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QUARTS..... \$22 per Case. PINTS..... \$23 per Case. Apply to MELCHERS & Co.

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Address-Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Queen's Road Hongkong, 1st March, 1883.

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DERRY The String Band of the Regiment will play between the Acts.

The Proceeds of this Performance will be Divided amongst the Local Charities. PRICE OF ADMISSION : Stalls and Dress Circle.....\$2.

Doors open at 8.30, to commence at 9.

WALSH's commencing at 8 A.M., WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. Hongkong, 24th March, 1883.

Intimations.

DRESSMAKER WANTED FOR SINGAPORE.

TOEQUIRED TO ATTEND IN SHOWROOM. LONDON HAND PREFERRED. Apply to ROBINSON & Co.

THE Undersigned begs to respectfully inform the Public of Hongkong that on and after the 1st of April Next, SIGNING "CHITS" for ATTENDANCE in his Establishment will be ABOLISHED.

Singapore, March 17th, 1883.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1883.

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Hongkong, 7th March, 1883

By Order of the Board of Directors,

NOTICE.

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(LATE OF T. M. LAWSON'S, CALCUTTA.) TAILOR, Shirt and Breeches Maker and General Outfitter. Mr. ROBIN invites Public Patronage and guarantees a perfect fit at

Moderate Charges. N.B.-Note the address. THE GOLDEN SCISSOR, No. 13, Pottinger Street. Hongkong, 26th March, 1883.

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SAN FRANCISCO THE U.S. Mail Steamship

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of Steamers.
RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 per cent from Return Pare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of to per cent will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25 per cent from Raturn Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe. Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. on the 13th April 6 Parcel Packages will bereceived at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full i value of same is required Consular Involces to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Treight apply to the Arme of the Company Premier Mayer will foot been be therefore to the above the state of the Company Post and will have quick destructions the company of the Company

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THE Steamship "MINDANAO." Captain Tremoya, will be despatched as above, TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at Four P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to

DUNN, MELBYE & Co. Hongkong, 23rd March, 1883.

UNIONLINE FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL

"STRATHLEVEN," Captain Pearson, will be despatched for the above Port, on or about the 31st instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to ...

Hongkong, 26th March, 1883. UNION LINE

THE Steamship "LORD OF THE ISLES," Captain Felgate, due, on or about the 1st April, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON, the 21st April, at FIVE O'CLOCK. For Freight or Passage, apply to AH YON & Co.

Bo. Praya Central Hongkong, 27th March, 1883.

SAILING VESSELS. FOR VICTORIA B. C. THE 3/3 L. I. I. Norwegian Barkentine "Professor nordenskjold."

Hongkong, 26th February, 1883. FOR SAN FRANCISCO HE 3/3 L. I. American Ship "B. P. CHENEY" Humphrey, Master, will load here for the above

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dressed to the " Manager, Hongkong Telegraph' and not to the Editor. Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the

be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS. Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK' so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.,

TO SUBSCRIBERS. Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Sub scribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1883.

It is not a little surprising, says the San Francisco Alia, that the proposition to pass a bill at this session of the Legislature to license gambling, should elicit approving comments. It is only to be accounted for on the hypothesis that some people are always anxious for a change, and care little what the change is. If gambling were legal, these persons who are now willing to make it so, would be among the first to try to bring it under the ban of the law. The only argument of which the case will admit in favor of licensing gambling is the old one, that the laws against it are not enforced. It is true they are not as efficiently enforced as they should be, but it cannot be admitted that this is a sufficient argument for the repeal of the law, for if that test should be applied to the whole statute book the laws that would not be obliterated are few and far between. The law against gambling is like that providing penalties for theft. Neither is always enforced, but the instances in which they are enforced exercise a certain degree of deterrent effect, and that is so much clear gain. Nobody can make a sensible man believe that there would be less gambling if it were not prohibited, nor would its effect be less demoralizing and vicious, To say that if gambling were made free by law it would be conducted on the square, is sheer fudge. The State could not employ an expert to watch every game and see that it was fairly played, and if nine times out of ten he could not tell whether the play was fair or not. So long as there are gudgeons there will be sharpers, and the latter will not be reformed by "recognizing" them and legalizing their trade. But the strong argument against the license proposition is that, phrase it as you will, there is a certain effect in a law pronouncing a practice illegal, whether it is rigidly enforced or not. To give gambling legality and respectability would almost certainly make it more comthat if people are compelled to go up dark stairways and through obscure passage ways to find a gambling game, they will engage in the sport more than if it were public; but to assert such a thing is contrary to all experience. No known class of traffickers find that it increases their sales to keep their wares concealed, so that the purchaser needs to make a vigorous hunt to find them. At least, we never heard of a merchant that adopted that

policy to improve his trade.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, March 27th. SERIOUS TROUBLES EXPECTED AT THE CAPE.

The Cape Government has decided to ac vigorously in Tembuland as serious troubles are feared.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Hongkong Choral Society has arranged to give an Invitation Concert in the St. Andrew's Hall, City Hall, on Friday, April 6th, at 9 p.m.

THE German corvette Slosch went up the Canton River yesterday morning. She will probably lie at anchor off the Bogue Forts for the next eight days, to clean, her bottom in the fresh water. before proceeding to sea.

Says the Foochow Herald of the 22nd inst. :-During the severe wind on Tuesday afternoon last, a Chinese passenger boat, on its passage between Foochow and Pagoda Anchorage, was suddenly capsized and thirty-seven out of forty passengers drowned.

H.M.S. Vigilant, with Admiral Willes and the Captains of all Her Majesty's ships in port on board, left the harbour this morning through the Ly-cc-moon Pass. The Audacious is out at Mirs Bay for the purpose of trying some very interesting torpedo experiments, in addition to the usual target practice, and the Commanderin-Chief has gone out to direct operations. The Vigilant will probably return to her moorings this evening.

SAYS the Hampshire Telegraph of February 14th:-The Sapphire's stability did not. satisfy the officer from the Admiralty, who inclined her n week or two since, and consequently she was taken into the basin at Keyham on Saturday, where she is to ship 30 tons of iron ballast. This is to be stowed in the screw alley Communications intended for publication-must and underneath the coal boxes in the bunker passage. It is then believed the stability of the ship will be assured. The present arrangements are that the Sapphire is to start on Sunday next for the China Station to relieve the Encounter.

> THE London Gazette of the 13th ulto. announces that the Queen has signified her intention to confer the Victoria Cross upon Lieutenant Wil liam Mordaunt Marsh Edwards, and Battalion Highland Light Infantry, for conspicuous braver, displayed by him during the battle of Tel-el-Kebix in leading a party of Highland Light Infantry to storm a redoubt. Lieutenant Edwards, who wa in advance of his party, with great gallantry rushed alone into the battery, killed the artillery officer in charge, and was himself knocked down by a gunner with a ramrod, and only rescued by the timely arrival of three men of his regiment.

WE (Foochow Herald) regret to find that the Seamen's Church at Pagoda Anchorage is in suc a dilapidated condition, occasioned by storms and floods, as to necessitate the calling of public meeting to take into consideration the question of repairs. The meeting is convened for Monday next the 26th instant, and we hope to be eventually in a position to report that the necessary repairs have been effected. Although the Church cannot boast of very large congregations, still we feel sure that the Pagoda" community would not desire to see their holy edifice go to utter ruin, or the graves, in which they have beheld beloved ones " quietly inumed," exposed to the ravages of the natives, and the violence of the elements, for the want of a substantial wall to surround the premises.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Daily News at Cannes sends an account of an interview which M Clémenceau, the leader of the French Radicals in the Chamber, has had with Mr. Gladstone at the Chateau Scott. In the course of conversation the subject of decentralisation was touched upon. Mr. Gladstone, addressing M. Clémenceau with intense carnestness, said :- "The curse of Ireland has been centralisation. What I hope and desire, what I labour for, and have above all things at heart, is to decentralise administrative authority there. We have discstablished the Church, relieved the tenant class of many grievances; we are now trying to produce a state of things which will make the humblest Irishman realise that he is a governing agency, and that the Government is to be carried on by him and for him."

ACCORDING to the Gazette the following charters were effected in Amoy during the fortnight ended the 20th inst.: - Omega, 12,000 peculs, Takao to Melbourne, private terms; Ceres, 11,600 peculs, Takao to Melbourne, private terms; Teluan, 12,000 peculs, Chefoo to Amoy, 25 lay days, 15 cents per pecul; Guiding Star, 7,200 peculs, Newchwang to Amoy, 20 lay days, 24 cents per pecul; Ernst, 8,500 peculs, Newchwang to Amoy, 22 lay days, 24 cents per pecul; France & Amanda, 9,500 peculs, Newchwang to Amoy, 25 lay days, 20 cents per pecul; Pallar, 11,600 peculs, Taiwanfoo to New York, private terms; Magenta, 8,200 peculs, Newchwang to Amoy 18 lay days, \$1,800; Emma, 5,500 peculs, Nagasaki to Amoy, 18 lay days, \$825; Wagrien, 4,600 peculs, Whampoa, Tientsin, Newchwang and Hongkong, 29 lay days, 60 cents per pecul.

MR. JAMES QUINN, hailing from "the land where | compared with those of twenty years ago, which | man no doubt; but it is notorious that he possesses the praties grow," by profession "a toiler on the was the harvest time of novel writers. Mr. And very little influence in the Cortes, nor has he at sca," and by inclination what our Yankee friends call "a drunk," had a short interview with Capt. Thomsett at the Police Court this morning. The trouble was not very serious. It appears that mon and fashionable. It is sometimes said James, being at present out of regular employment, occupied a greater portion of yesterday in imbibing fire-water, with the result that Novangar Singh, P.C. 540, found him "like a drunken sailor taking his rest," in the gutter, utterly incapable at 9.30 p.m. The valiant Punjaubee theleupon ran Mr. Quinn in to the Central Station, where a night's comfortable writes at the rate of one in two years and a halfs welfare of Macao, and he is certainly entitled to lodging was provided at Government expense. Novel writers who are dissatisfied with their the credit of having the absence When catechised by the worthy magistrate Tames returns may console themselves by remembering ! Governor da Graca on a wild-goose excapade in admitted the soft impeachment, and as he was | that 250L was the highest price ever received by Japan, persuaded the Lisbon authorities to imposed as a fine for his lapsus, there will be one Scott only obtained 700/ for Which have in the course of a few years reduce

seven days.

AN Emergency Lodge of St. John, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons! Hall, Zetland Street, on Friday, the 30th inst., at 8 for 8,30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethern will be made cordially. welcome.

THE Boys Athletic Sports were commenced in favorable weather on the Cricket Ground this afternoon, and are still proceeding as we go to press. Our usual detailed report will appear in to-morrow's issue.

THE four Portuguese lads who were charged at the Police Court yesterday with having assaulted a Chinese hawker on Saturday last, were again brought before Mr. Wodehouse this morning, when the case was dismissed.

WE are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Gibbi Livingston & Co.), that, the Eastern and Australian Steamship Co.'s steamer Menmuir left Port Darwin for Hongkong on the 27th Instant, and is due here on or about the 6th April.

con, a native of England, were brought before public money being wasted unnecessarily in Capt. Thomsett at the Police Court this morning | widening Garden Road from the Horse Reposon a charge of having deserted from H.M.S. itory to St. Joseph's Chapel. So far as we can Espiegle at Sydney, New South Wales, on the see, there is no necessity whatever for any such 7th of January. The men, who had given them- alterations as are being now carried out. Garden selves up to the police, admitted the charge, and Road is already quite wide enough for all the the case was remanded until the 4th April to al- traffic of the neighbourhood. We do not say that low the Naval authorities to be communicated. the road might not be greatly improved, and we

By a special ukase, signed by the Emperor o Russia on New Year's Day (Old Style), the pay of most of the officials connected with the Naval service at Cronstadt has been raised from to to 50 per cent., while the pay of a large number of subordinate officers has been doubled. Although rumours of the intention of the Government had been prevalent some time, the measure was, to a large extent, unexpected, and consequently when a special courier arrived with the order and the Governor announced it at once, universal jubilation prevailed throughout Cronstadt the rest of

MR. MAXWELL HERON, late Commander of He Majesty's ship Clyde, on whom a Court-martial was held at Portsmouth in December last, has, the Morning Post says, submitted to the Lords circumstances bearing on the case, with a view of inducing their Lordships to reconsider it. The application has, however, been refused, and Mr. Maxwell Heron intends, we understand, to make the statement public, and also to have the case brought under the notice of the House of Commons at the earliest possible moment. The late Commander of the Clyde is a brother of Sir John Maxwell Heron-Maxwell, member for Kirkcudbrightshire.

As we (Sportsman) have said before, we have nothing to do with politics. We do not understand them, and we are heartily thankful that Providence has brought us to this state of salvation. Politics are evidently perplexing things. the reception of Cetewayo in Zululand. turn to our morning papers and are confronted with the following two readings of Zulu public reader by correspondents in Natal:

All that transpires are rejoiced at Ceteconcerning the incidents of the restoration wayo's return, and the King's influence over of Cetewayo shows that his prestige is effectuthem is as great as ally destroyed. story, we mean?

Daily News.

After securing his plunder the wily Chun attempted to beat a rapid retreat; but the fates were against him. His little game had been "spotted," and he was unceremoniously collared and handed over to a lukong who escorted him to the Central think? Station, where he was searched and the bangle was found in his possession. Three months' hard labor in the "Retreat" will possibly convince. Mr. Chun Asal that it would have been much better had he been satisfied to ffstick to his last.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to Truth - When prices for several of her earlier works, At the of the present Colonial Secretary, but

IT is rumoured, says the Army and Navy Ga- THE trial of Mr. William O'Brien, M.P., on a THE Army and Navy Gazette says. The selle, that several Continental Naval Powers, Charge of seditious libel, ended on Feb. 10th in Admiralty would do well to explain why Comwho have for the last six or eight years been to disagreement of the jury, and they, were dis- mander W. F. S. Mann, who was appointed to building their own torpedo boats, will shortly charged. As soon as the news of the result of the Beacon on August 7th, 1882, and who was place some good orders, with our well-known I the trial reached London Mr. Parnell despatched | walking on Southsea Beach on the day the battle English builders, who will, however, do well to remember that these vessels will be used as "patterns" by foreign firms, though ordered by Government.

THE manufacture of guns at Woolwich seems to be rather a lightning-like performance according to one of the Indian officers who lately visited London and who has been writing an account of the wonders he observed. He says, "On the 23rd we went to Woolwich Arsenal by rail and boat. In one moment (yek dam)—this is not bad language, gentle reader, but simply the native tongue-they make a gun," Such a rate of speed in the manufacture of ordnance is appalling, but doubtless it was a "minute gun" the Indian

PATRICK SHAW, a Scotsman, and George Dea- IT appears to us that there is a good deal of at once admit that the alterations now in hand will be a great improvement, but we do say most emphatically that the money applied to a work which is not required, might with manifest advantage have been spent in effecting much needed alterations and repairs to thoroughfares in other parts of the colony. Mr. Price is no doubt an energetic Surveyor General, but he is also a most expensive one.

SECRET societies always have more or less at traction for youth, especially those who may have read "Quintin Matseys." A young glover's apprentice living at Prague, joined a secret society composed of apprentices, more terrible even than. that of which Simon Tappertit was a shining light. It is not exactly clear what the objects sought to be achieved by this band of conspirators were. but assassination seems to have formed an imof the Admiralty a sworn statement of tacts and portant part of the scheme, and it fell to the lot of the young glover to assassinate a police director or himself be shot. Not daring to face either alternative, he wrote a despairing letter to his mother, and hung himself in his bedroom. the meanwhile the police director in question is doing his best to trace out the promising band of young savages to which this unfortunate young man belonged.

A SOCIETY journal tells the following amusing story:-The late Duke of A-was dining at a Highland anniversary dinner in full kilt dress. with his piper behind him. At dessert a very We wished, for instance, to learn something of | could nowhere be discovered. A search was | should be changed frequently, and thus that the made for it, but it could not be found. The duke whole corps should be kept in a state of efficiency was especially anxious about it, but with no result. for service affoat. By this means he would make opinion, presented simultaneously to the English | donned the kilt-which he had not worn in the | in war, and would provide a force of trained meantime-for the annual dinner. As he was artillery and a body of infantry for armed sporran, and there, to his astonishment, found the box which had been lost at the last year's dinner. He turned to his piper and said, "Why, this is the snuff-box we were all looking for; did you not see me put it away in my sporran?" "Yes, your Now, which of these two is the I-, legitimate | grace," replied the piper, "I did, but I thocht ye wushed to keep it."

MR. CHUN ASAI, constructor of pedal ornaments, "THE Grand Old Buffs" will, we understand evidently is not a believer in the old saying that | hold an athletic meeting on the Racecourse in "there's nothing like leather.", Mr. Chun Asai | the course of a week or two. This is unquestioninfinitely prefers silver, and doubtless he is not ably a step in the right direction; a departure singular in that respect. However, this preference from the old fashioned and fossilised order of for the precious metal was the means of bringing | things, so closely identified with the colony's the worthless shoemaker before the police magis- existence, that merits commendation, and may trate this morning, on a charge of having stolen; a lead to beneficial results in various ways. W silver bangle from the foot of a child in the public. shall have an opportunity of discussing the street. Inthecourse of his percerinations yesterday | programme of "The Buffs" sports at another Mr. Chun Asai noticed this child playing in the time; in the meantime we are glad to see the street, and was greatly struck with the beauty first step taken towards the very laudable of the silver ornament she were on one of her purpose of making the Racecourse, what tiny ancles. Mr. Chun Asai is covetous; he is in every respect sited to become, the public likewise artful. He made friends with the child recreation ground of the colony. Government by means of some cakes, and then under the, has apparently a great deal of money to spend pretence of admiring the bangle induced the on official "fads"; we shall shortly see whether little one to allow him to take it off her foot, any public funds will be forthcoming for the public benefit in transforming what is at present a useless and not particularly healthy marsh into a recreation ground worthy of Hongkong. What does "the honourable the Surveyor-General

WE regret to see that our Macao contemporaries, apparently. for interested motives, persist in misrepresenting the part played by the Colonial Secretary (Dr. Côrte-Real) in inducing the Lisbon Government to remove the ban which forbade Chinese emigration from the neighbouring port. you refer to Mr. William Black, Mr. Payn, and The Correlo even goes the length of saying that Miss Braddon, as the best paid of "modern au- the abrogation of the restrictions affecting thors of fiction," I suppose you refer to the writers | emigration from Macao was due to the exertions of the present day, who regularly produce a novel of Senhor Scarnichia.? Of course this, as is perevery year or even more frequently. The best | feetly well known in Macdo as well as at home. is prices received now for works of fiction are small not the case. The Deputy for Macao is a worthy thony Trollope received more than 8000% for any time shown any particular interest for the two of his principal novels written between welfare of the colony and constituents he is sun-1860 and 1865. Mr. Wilkle Collins received posed to represent. If rumour speaks truly five thousand guineas for "Armadale," before | Signor Scarnichia's sole achievement in the a line of the book was written. George Eliot cause of Macao since his election has been to made over 15,000% by one of her works, obtain a few paltry decorations for the gentlemen and there was not one by which she made less to whose special exertions he owes his seat. than 8000/. Miss Braddon received very high. We may not altogether agree with the policy present time Mr. Wilkie Collins probably makes | cannot be disputed that he has worked hard most money by his books, but then he only and conscientiously in warious ways for the unable to ants up the dollar Captain Thomsett | Miss Edgeworth for a tale, and that Sir. Walter | abolish to some extent the prohibitive measures loafer the fewer in our streets during the next | the copyright of "Evelina" bliss Burney was a once flourishing port to the condition of a cit

the following telegram to the new member for of Tel-el-Kebir was fought has been granted Mallow:-"I congratulate you most heartily the 3rd Class of the Medidie; and also, as we upon your virtual acquittal, which is of the have before asked, why Lieutenant E. G. Festing, utmost importance to the cause of freedom of appointed to the Decoy on August 7th, has been speech and writing in Ireland."

THE German Admiralty have supplied the Hotchkiss machine-gun to their vessels in the following proportion :- Ironclads and large corvettes, six guns each; sloops and gun-vessels, four each; and gunboats, one to four each, according to size and class. The arm adopted by the German Government is the 37-millimetre revolving cannon, both the German Admiralty SAYS the Japan Mail of the 10th inst :- News and War Office preferring shell to the small solid from Shanghai is to the effect that in obedience mans have an utter contempt for all kinds of for Tientsin on Sunday, the 3rd instant. Both mitrailleuses.

CAPTAIN John Abbott of the British barque Star Queen charged seven coolies, who had been employed on board his vessel, at the Magistracy this morning, with having made a slight mistake yesterday as to the meaning of the terms meum and tuum with regard to a couple of pieces of sandal wood valued at right to import and export certain goods duty free. \$2 and \$5 respectively. After leaving work, In Tientsin the business of the Mission will be the wood by some strange mischance got inside the coolie's clothes where it was " spotted " by the eagle eye of the jolly bo'sen of 2,300,000 dollars. The money is expected to come the Star Queen. The Chinese gentlemen on being interrogated by Captain Thomsett, said that the pieces of wood were so small that they took them because they thought they were of no value. This yarn was rather too thin for an old salt like the Captain, and the enterprising pilierers were not in a position to enrich the government exchequer, to the tune of ten dollars each, they were at once handed in to Mr. Hayward's model establishment, where for the next three months they can truthfully consider themselves in the government service.

A HOME paper states the Captain J. C. R.

Colomb, late of the Royal Marine Artillery, read

a very interesting and useful paper the other week at the Royal United Service Institution on the subject of "The Use and Application of the Marines, Past, Present, and Future," in which he deprecated, very justly, the practice which has grown up of late years of regarding the Marines as forming one of the main elements of the standing Reserves. The Marines is point of fact are one of the strongest elements in our present active service, and certainly while we use at least half the force constantly affoat, and the other half forming portion of the garrison of our three most important seaport towns, it would be futile to call them a reserve force. To do so is in reality to count handsome and valuable snuff-box belonging to them twice over. Captain Colomb's principal one of the guests was handed round. When the properal is that they should be utilised to form time came to return it to its owner, this snuff-box | the crews of our mastless ironclads, that they On the anniversary coming round he again the Marines an efficient reserve of lighting men dressing be happened to put his hand into his chant steamers. He would also plant them out as garrisons for the minor scaports, and use them as a nucleus for local colonial forces. IT must be a highly unpleasant thing, remarks

> a home contemporary, to return home and find oneself classed and written down as dead; in fact, to be looked upon officially and privately as a nasty unpleasant corpse. This experience has, however, fallen to the lot of a private in the Marines who was engaged in the Egyptian campaign. He was wounded in the chest by a splinter of a shell at Tel-el-Kebir, and left on the field for dead. He was, however, found, and attended to by the Hospital Army Corps, and subsequently removed to Cairo. When the roll of his company was called he was missing. Quite ignorant of this fact, the wounded hero recovered strength, and was forwarded to Malta. From this place he was sent, with a number o other convalescents, to England, and so on to Chatham. On arriving there he was suprised to find that no one seemed very anxious to see him. One pay-day he applied for his cash, but discovered that he had been marked off as dead. The officials were not disposed to alter things. There were the returns saying he was dead, and if he was not dead he certainly ought to be, as the returns could not be altered. In time, however, this poor fellow managed to prove his identity, and was sent off to Portsmouth

ACCORDING to latest home news there seems to be a prevalent anti-British feeling at Constantinople, and its latest manifestation has led to vigorous protest from Mr. Wyncham, Her Maesty's Charge d' Affaires at Constantinople. Lord Wolverton's steam yacht Santa Carilla, with a pleasure party on board, reached the Straits, en roule for Constantinople on the 8th inst. She was flying the white ensign of the British | about the 30th. Navy. An official understanding had been come to betweenthe Turkish and British Governments. white ensign were to be allowed to pass the Dardanelles. But, under the pretext that the Artillery. department had not been consulted respecting that arrangement, the Santa Cecilia was seized, and is still forcibly detained under the batteries in the Straits by the Turkish authorities. Asusbonas Mr. Wyncham was informed of the occurrence he sent a dragoman from the Embassy to the Forte. requesting that as the versel was simply a pleasure yacht instructions should be given imme diately to the officers at the Dardanelles to allow her to continue her voyage An order for he passage was drawn up by the Ministry in Foreign Affairs, and sent to the Grand Vizier for signature. He, however returned the document baving declined to sign if as the Grand Master Hourt he by Se 7 in by St Francis of Assistant Artiflety had not been consulted about 1, and The salphs are in Heaven 1997. given his consent. Theyacht remains in custody therefore a and Mr. Wyndbaff that declared to Francisco will send over small of the o the Turkish Covernment that the detention is an

fgranted the 4th Class of the Osmanieh? These officers were not present during the war, yet have been decorated by the Khedive through Admiralty selection, while officers who really have rendered good service both to Egypt and to England have been passed over, being even refused field allowance when landed for duty.

projectile in use in our Navy. In fact, since the to a telegram from His Excellency Li Hungfailure of the French Montigny in 1870, the Ger- Chang, the Korean Special Mission was to start politically and financially the results of this Mission, so far as Shanghal is concerned, were will. Its members even failed in their endeavour to induce some foreign firms to set up establishments at Fusan before the ratifications of the first treaty are exchanged. Nobody could be tempted to risk his dollars by an offer of land or of the with the Superintendent of Trade, with whom, rumour says, they propose to negotiate a loan of from the coffers of the China Merchanta Steam Navigation Company, in which case another, and a very strong, rivet will be added to the chain by which Korea is gradually getting bound to China's feet. We learn also, but cannot youch for the fact, that the Korean Government are willing to make new treaties with Western Powers, adding the privileges of travelling in the interior for business purposes, and taking part in the cabotage to the concessions already made Any reduction of the import tariff is bowever declared to be out of the question, and having regard to the unfavorable reports on this subject submitted by the Chambers of Commerce of Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama, it seems more than doubtful whether the English treaty will be ratified. Meanwhile, the organization of the Korean Customs is proceeded with, and it is expected that steps will soon be taken to procure the services of some foreigners for the principal

THE Duily News says Out own temperance

tracts are a rather onesided form of literature. That pint of beer " which do not over-stimulate" does not invariably lead to an early and dishonoured grave. Perhaps we ought to make the same allowances for the Chinese temperance tracts which have lately been translated, and are published, pictures and all, by Messrs. Partridge and Co. The Chinese moralist does not warn his countrymen against strong drink, but against oplum smoking. The first sketch in the Chinese version of the "Rake's Progress" represents Ah Sin taking his first pipe. He reclines on what is called "a costly black wood couch," though it is brown in the picture; but that is a mere detail. - The inlaid marble is. cleverly rendered. "He tries onium for a pastime only." and does not seem to like it. In the second picture he is found out, and, being under the patria potestas, he is scolded by his father. He kneels before the good old man, but you can see by his face that he is not really penitent. In fact, he has his eye on his child, who is making, off, with the opium pipe. In the third picture, alas i he has a fair companion, who, attired in red and green, plays on a stringed instrument, perhaps a cithern, possibly a citole. He next sells his real property, " all because lie used the pipe for a genteel pastime." What can one expect of a man "who seeks the society of musicians ?" The degraded wretch now smokes at home, while his wife weeps, . Irritated by her remonstrances, he beats her with a bamboo as and his name included in the list of dead, long as a one-handed trout-rod. Next he loses his appetite. "and this is the fashion in which a fast gentility comes to be displayed." It is indeed! His wife leaves him; he lodges in a shed; he becomes an outcast / He now lives beside a linn in a very pretty mountainous country, but scenery has lost its charms. Winter comes on, and he alinks half-naked into a cave to die. Does ha now say he is merry as a fairy?" Not he. The moral is that usually drawn from the contemplation of our oplum trade with China.

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THE ENGLISH WAIL The P. & O. Co.'s steamer Deccan, with the next English mail, left Singapore on Saturday, the 24th instant, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday morning, the 30th.

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[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.] MACAO, March 26th, 1883.

The most important topic of conversation and discussion here for some days past, which is still on the table, and is very appropriately laughed | Sir John Pope Hennessy, said:-"The next at, scoffed at, and metaphorically trodden under question I have to put is as to the state of the foot, has been the news that the Lisbon Govern- roads, to which you have already alluded. ment has lately sent instructions to our Colonial | have expressed your opinion that the roads were rulers to remit to Portugal, in addition to our in an extremely satisfactory state. Now, that yearly contribution to the Army and Navy, a was not the opinion of the members of this monthly sum of fifteen thousand milreis, and the | Council in Finance Committee in August last, whole of the surplus that may stand yearly as and from my own observation and the observabalance of our Exchequer returns and expenditure. This bold stroke of centralisation is of such a demoralizing character, considering the urgent necessity for expending large sums in improving the harbour and several other branches of public works, also taking into consideration the uncertain and unreliable sources of our principal public revenues, that the staunchest of our local patriots are beginning to entertain serious doubts as to the sincerity of the Mother-Country. towards her poverty stricken dependency in the Far East. Our financial status is not founded on any sound principle of political administration. Our chief revenues are derived, as is well known. from the triennial public sale of the monopoly of two hideous immoral institutions, the Fantan and the Vei-sing; the figures realised by those sales varying considerably from time to time. the bidders being under the influence of a pure spirit of gambling speculation. The Oplum monopoly is generally subject to the same uncertainty. The sale of the Pork monopoly which last year realised some \$20,000 is also a most unreliable source of income, the recent sale only realising \$12,000. The Salt monopoly is also probably deteriorating in value. And in this precarious. condition of the public finances a sweeping measure is levelled at the Treasury, curtailing by three fourths the salaries of the officers and soldiers of the National Battalion, on whose small incomes some five hundred families are said to depend for their subsistence; withdrawing from several retired public functionasies their scanty pensions; the Lisbon Exchequer appropriating \$17,000 monthly, besides a heavy annual contribution, and finally ordering the full remittance to the metropolis of all surplus funds that may stand to the credit of the Treasury !

It would seem that the Home Government has decided upon bringing universal ruin to this | speak, made suitable for walking on, or fit to be degraded colony! In 1874 the Treasury had to used by that "class of people who ride in carcontract a loan of about \$200,000, on account of riages." But it so happens that the Honorable the scantiness of funds then existing. Should another calamity like the disastrous typhoon of that year befall us when every cent of our surplus has been remitted to Lisbon, on what guarantee will our financiers negotiate another loan with the Hongkong Banks! At present it is notorious that the state of our harbour is such, that a heavy expenditure is absolutely necessary in order to render it accessible to shipping. How are the much talked-of prospects of improvement to be carried into practical effect when the whole of our surplus funds, in addition to already ruinous monthly instalments are demanded and absorbed by the voracious Lisbon Exchequer.

It is needless to say that great indignation prevails here in all quarters on account of the outrageous measures lately adopted by the home. government towards poor Macao. The Macaense of the 24th inst. points out in forcible language the fallacy of our ministerial policy. The following comments are worthy of note :- "Let it not be said that through the quick communication which now exists with the metropolis of Portugal that can no longer deceive anybody. Experience has taught us to despair of any prompt redress for our grievances coming from the Home Government, whose care for this city is quite apparent from the deterioration of our harbour, from the sources of our chief revenues, &c., &c."-

The Independence is not less strong in its. of improvements that no application could be given to the surplus funds in the Public Treasury? It appears the late Minister of Marine, Senhor Mello Gouveià was of that opinion, as before quitting office he ordered our Board of Exchequer. to remit to the metropolis all the balance of funds in hand. This measure is a natural consequence of a mistaken provincial administration. Many Colonial wants were put aside in order to increase the annual balance of the Treasury, and the result now is to bleed it thoroughly, under the doctorship of our living quacks. We deplore the mistake, and hope it will be a lesson for the

The other events of this week are a horrible tragedy at Lupa, where a half lunaticahot his brother: and two Chinese Customs' guards, being himself eventually shot down. It appears the fratricide had previously given signs of mental aberration. though no steps were taken to have him properly confined in the Hospital. The usual festivities. and celebrations of the Holy Week are now at

His Excellency Senhor da Graca, our ex-Governor, accompanied by his wife, left here for Hongkong by the White Cloud this morning. They intend staying with Consul Loureirountil the departure of the French mail steamer to-morrowusual order of Portuguese diplomacy that these two officials, who have been at loggerheads al- ble, and traffic on foot or by chair extremely most from the Consul's advent in your colony, dangerous. The next thing to attract attention should part good friends, or apparently so. How the Consul can forget the official slights put on I him by the Governor, and how His Excellency can overlook the systematic manner in which Mr. Loureiro used to checkmate him, through the influence of the late Viscount de Praia Grande, have at last got rid of a ruler who has simply been the old gentleman meant well; but he was so: retrograce in his ideas, so bigotted and prejudiced, and so shipld withat, that nothing but Supreme Court, and in that laughable fiasco, the so-called japanese Diplomatic Mission. No doubt His Excellency will be decorated when he reaches Lisbon; but it is hardly likely he will ever get another appointment. In the quiet seclusion of his own orange groves be will find ample time to write his promised book on the Japanese Mission—that wonderful production which, with characteristic modesty, he intends dedicating to himself. It is rumoured that a Chinese newspaper will shortly be started in Macao

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The steamship Euxine left Sydney on the 1st

March, and may be expected to arrive liere on sold for building purposes, and that this, will The steamer Meninuir left Port Darwin for structed and necessitate the making of others, we this port on the 27th instant, and may be ex- see at a glance how well the interests of the land-

pected here on or about the 6th April. Lords and tenants of Jardine's Basest have been

UNOFFICIAL DISINTERESTED-

At a meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 7th February of last year, Mr. F. Bulkeley Johnson addressing himself particularly to tion of all those who have had experience of roads their condition is very much the same as it was then, excepting that the weather is now dry and we don't experience the inconvenience so much. I am afraid your Excellency has not been recently in the neighbourhood of East Point. It is now nine months ago since I called your attention to the fact that along a portion of the Praya in that direction, the road was a foot higher on one side than on the other. I can answer for it that nothing has been done to this road since returned to the Colony in March last. As I described, the road is at least three quarters of a foot higher at one side than at the other. There are water courses running down it transversely, it is dangerous for vehicles, and there are holes in which any horse might stumble. I am sure the Surveyor-General has not been on that part of the road or he would have observed this."

His Excellency, in reply to the honourable. member, said that "Mr. Bowdler's attention was called to the matter, and that officer had done all in his power to put the roads and bridges in a proper state."

. The result of this meeting of the Legislative Council, so far as the road complained of by Mr. Johnson was concerned, as anyone can see who chooses to walk along the Praya and past the premises of the "princely house," appears to have been an eminently satisfactory one. road was quickly put into thorough order. singularly enough since this particular thoroughfare was .made all right we have heard nothing from the Hon, F. B. Johnson about the condition of the other roads of the colony. If the honorable gentleman were merely a pri

vate individual we could well understand his keeping silent after his own turn had been served, and his own special road, so to F. Bulkeley Johnson is not a mere private individual who has to look solely after his own interests; at least, that is what the gentleman in question would have the community at large and the world in general believe. Mr. Bulkeley Johnson poses as the special benefactor of the people of this benighted colony, the watchful guardian of their best interests, and the independent member of our Legislative Council who is not making a special study of "his own hand. The following facts, which have come under ou own personal observation, may slightly open the eyes of the community of Hongkong, if that is necessary, and show them how far the philan-

thropy of the honourable member towards his fellow colonists, his constituents, extends. Close to the premises of the great East Point firm is a little street, or road, bearing the name of Jardine's Bazaar. About 12 years ago, when the chain gangs were abroad in the colony, Jardine's Bazaar underwent some slight repairs, and since then has been gradually running to ruin. When Mr. Bulkeley Johnson was thundering forth his complaints about the road leading to his our urgent wants may be soon redressed. own palatial premises, and obtained the necessary Hanbug! These are simply delusive words repairs, which were carried out up to his own gateway, it is a pity that in his bounteous consideration for the welfare of his less fortunate fellows he did. not insist that the wants of the humble tenants of Jardine's Bazaarshould also be attended to without loss of time. The honorable member cannot excuse himself on the score of ignorance for not seeing to the dire wants of his next door neighbours, as criticism when it says :- " Is our colony so full such a keen eyed and careful observer, as he undoubtedly is, must have noticed the deplorable condition of Jardine's Bazanr. Even had the unsightly appearance of the place missed Mr. Bulkeley Johnson's eagle eye it is simply impossible that the horrid smells emanating therefrom could have come within range of his aristocratic olfactory organ and escaped unnoticed, so close does the worthy unofficial member reside to that infragrant spot.

Summer is close upon us, and the fever season is also drawing nigh. We, therefore, consider ourselves quite justified in drawing the attention of "the honorable the Surveyor General" to the sanitary and general condition of Jardine's Ba-We would also ask the community at large, who have any consideration for their own health, or the health of the colony generally, to take a walk through the Bazzar, to satisfy themselves that our remarks are justified by actual facts. We have a thoroughly reliable medical opinion on the matter, to the effect that Jardine's Bazzar is an abode of fever and other diseases, and that it is likely to be even worse this summer than has ever previously been the case on account of the immediate vicinity.

the worse condition of the roads and drains in The first thing which will strike the visitor to this thoroughfare will be sixteen yards of the gas at least so it is rumoured here. It is quite in the main protruding through the surface of the road, making passage by carriage or ricksha impossiwill be the fact that the government drain only runs halfway down the street. Some three years ago a shopkeeper was summoned to the Police Court by the Inspector of Nuisances, for someslight breach of the law, but on the magistrate being informed by the shopkeeper that there was with the Lisbon Government, are matters not easily | no drain to carry off the soapsids and other comprehended. However, it is doubtless better | refuse the case was dismised. The Surveyor thus. There is general rejoicing in Macao that we General's department was then officially communicated with, and the drain we have already an incubus on the prosperity of the colony. Perhaps | alluded to as reaching halfway down the thoroughfare, was constructed. We may here mention that we are credibly informed that the property in Jardine's Bagaar pays a higher rate of ground mischief and confusion could have been expect | rent than any other street or district in the ed from his Governorship. Senhor da Graca has colony, of Hongkong. As the visitors to this left Macao even more miserable and despairing hot bed of infectious disease proceeds farther up than he found it; and he will be best remembered | the alley he will notice another eight yards of by the painful exhibition he made of himself in gas pipe exposed to view, running about one foot the notorious Vel-seng scandal in the Hongkong | above the level of the roadway. He will also notice that at this end of the street there is no govcriment drain at all, only the cross drain running from the market, into which the slope and refuse of the tenants are emptied through drains which, it is noteworthy, were made at their own expense. The most remarkable thing about the drains, in this locality is the fact that the slabs of stone forming the covering are higher than the roadway, and, consequently, foul gases are constantly issuing from the drains, doubtless to the detriment of the health of the dwellers in the immediate vicinity, and also to the general public who may happen by business to be in the neighbourhood. The landlords of the houses in Jardine's Baraar, have been frequently summoned for having filthy premises, and at last, rather than instant, for Queensland Ports, Port Darwin and be constantly troubled with the matter, have con-Hongkong, and is due here on or about the 28th. structed drains at their own expense, a work, by The Shire Line steamer Carnar voushirs, from the way, which should have been done by the London, left Singapore on the 25th instant, and Government. This, in itself, is a sufficient hardmay be looked for here on or about the stat. whip, but when we consider that the ground lying The Union Line steamer Lord of the Isla immediately behind the houses in question is left Singapore on the afternoon of the 25th government property, and is likely enough to be

looked after by their next door neighbour, the Honorable F. Bulkeley Johnson, the greatly lauded philanthropist and champion of the down trodden. In this thrice blessed colony of Hongkong. We have written enough to show the Government authorities, and also the general public, that there are still some few things in the interests of justice and the general health requiring setting to rights, which seem, in some unaccountable way, to have escaped the notice of the great unpaid, unofficial member; and we look to the Government to protect the general health by instructing that active and energetic servant of the public "the honorable the Surveyor General" to take immediate steps to put the roadway, drains, and gas pipes of Jardine's Bazaar into a safe and satisfactory sanitary condition and thus prevent disease from spreading throughout our vastly over-crowded city.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." DEAR SIR,-Are the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's shares worth their present premium? The property was valued in

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West Point

A distinction without a difference. The West Point property sold for \$175,000, redeemed so much of the debt, and this is all that has been done towards its reduction during the past two years. The report for the past half year states that the result would not have been behind that of previous half years, had there not been losses on the building of two steamers. I have known a time when, in face of opposition, it was said that had it not been for the construction of one steamer there would not have been any profit at all. But let that pass. The working accounts for the half years since the purchase of the Cosmopolitan Dock show in

1881...\$ 528,143 profit \$ 95,374=18 per cent 104,550=18 per cent.

199,924=18 per cent 1,103,900 . 1882... *474*,212

95,798=20 per cent. 68,167=14 per cent.

163,965=17 per cent. And it is in the general falling off of business, as shown by the above figures, that the secret of late unfavorable results is to be found. If in 1881 the Docks had work to the amount of \$1,103,900, without building steamers, how comes it that in 1882 the work is less by \$131,100, notwithstanding cost of steamers, which might be anything under or over \$100,000 !- I infer that 18 per cent. profit on the working, drives business away, and if by it, the turn-over fell from \$1,103,900 in 1881 to say \$872,800, excluding steamers, in 1882, what is there to prevent a similar scale of profit, if adhered to, from still further reducing the amount in 1883? -and yet the Directors are engaged in constructing a new Dock! !! All that has been done during the past a years with \$363,889 of profit, has been to pay dividends of \$10 per share, equal to 5 per cent. on the market value of the stock and write \$152,000 off the value of the Aberdeen Dock, while increasing that of the others by \$146,500. How much of the \$319,473 at which it now stands, the Aberdeen Dock may be worth, I leave those interested to determine. The Company started in 1880 with \$28,766 of Reserve in hand; it made \$30,000 on the new issue of shares at 12 per cent. premium, and \$37,563, as stated in the report, on the sale of the West Point property, \$96,329 in all, and as the Reserve is now \$18,000, \$79,329 of the \$152,000 written off the value of the Aberdeen Dock is accounted for, leaving \$73,671 as the nett result of two splendid years, for TIDAL CONSTANTS. they are splendid years, and such as the Company, with its present scale of charges, is not likely to see again. Provided 174 per cent. profit on the working can be maintained, which question, and provided the Company's working account does not fall below \$1,036,000 per annum, which it seems likely it will as last year it was only \$972,795, it would take 8 years to write off the Aberdeen Dock, another 12 years to pay for the Dock now commencing, and 8 years more to liquidate the Debt, and I ask whether it is in the nature of Hongkong speculators. or. investors to contemplate a return of only 5 per cent. per annum for the next 28 years. I should say not, and yet with an almost useless Dock at: Aberdeen to be liquidated, with a new Dock to be built and paid for, which, if completed, will probably necessitate abandonment of one or other of the present establishments, and in face of steadily falling receipts; where is the money to come from to pay increased dividends? The Company has a dead stock of \$584,473 in its

last year were \$163,965. Yours, Sec. Hongkong, March 26th, 1883.

debt and the Aberdeen Dock, and if, by building

a New Dock, this dead stock becomes \$1,000,000,

the Docks should earn \$178,000 a year to pay

dividends of even \$10 per share, or 8 per cent

and write off \$36,506 per annum. Their earnings

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OUR SHANGHAI CORRES-PONDENCE.

TRAINING FOR THE SPRING MEETING. TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." DEAH MR. EDITOR,—Aw: vewy little worth mentioning has as yet been done in "twaining fow the Spwing meeting" heah. It is pleasant to find that a movement has been set on foot amongst our Sporting fweinds to have the weights waised faw widahs on the Shanghai turf, to the same standard as is now in vogue in your Colony. Mr. W. Pattahson bwought fawward a pwaiseworthy motion on this subject at the Annual Meeting of the Wace Club a few days ago; but I wegwet to tell you that it was lost by one vote, the opposition being composed pwincipally of the "jolly-half-holiday" "standat-the-rails young men; howevah, it will doubtless be carwied by an ovahwhelming majority at the Extwaordinawy Meeting which is to be held shortly ;-ye'es and how fellahs possessing even an ordinawy amount of common sense can oppose such a weform I'm quite at a loss to compwehend nitabthe astoundingly fast times wecorded at your waces the othah day. Aw:-At a Gwiffin Auction on the 17th inst. a fine specimen (gray) of the Mongolian blood fetched the good pwice of Tis. 205 and anothah was wun up to Tis. 280: which, howevah, was wefused faw him, his limit being Tls 600. The mob, of somethirty animals in allewers almost without exception knocked down at good, and justifiable pwices, and: should not be at all surpwised to see some gwiffins make their debut shortly which will cause such grand stayers as Fawst Cornet, Pivejudice, Dwiving Cloud, and Wild Dash to extend themselves to the utmost in order to pass' the judge's eye on a par with them; exactly so.

By the way I might just quote to you a few lines which I picked up a day or two ago in the stweet; it was, I surmise, witten by an aspiwing Milton or a 'would be' Johnson; or may be the authawis thinking of endeavahing to we vive spelling bees, and by way of an ential change intended to commence at the wong end; nevah mind. bothah this fellah, and his bees in his bonnet; heah followeth for you:-

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F-double O.C.H.O double U.— Last meeting stood very hard knocks. (N. O. X.)

At H-O-N-G, hyphen K-O-N-G,

They appeared of quite recent date (D. A. T.) And there by their riding, or tactics you see
Walked away with the H. K. Darby (D'R. B.)
Wherever they venture, these Jocks' and their mokes,
They manage to pull most things off, (O. R. F.)
But If they're not placed they, maskee the lokes,
Praps say, "why the brute's got a cough," (K. or F.)
Heah endels the first lesses,"

I am, Yours pwognosticatingly, UTTAHLY UTTAH.

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Commercial. THIS DAY.

After we went to press yesterday a great rush was made on the stock of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company resulting in an extensive cash business at 60 percent, premium, also in large time transactions at 63 for May and 64 for June. This morning as soon as the market opened Docks became the subject of renewed inquiries, and a lot of shares changed hands at 61 for cash, also on time at 62 for April and 65 for June. When our report left there were buyers at all these rates. We are not in a position to give any reasonable explanation of this great re-action in favor of Docks; but it appears to us from published statistics that the present quotation under all circumstances, is a dangerously high one. Of course we do not presume to offer advice to share speculators, but merely give our opinion for whatever it may be worth. In this particular instance it may be worthless, still as the Scotch put it, facts are chiels that winna ding, an' daurna be disputed, and we certainly cannot see 65 per cent, premium in the Dock scrip with the present outlook. Banks are rather weaker than they have been, probably owing to preliminary arrangements for the monthly settlements. Sellers rule the | March 28, Hainan, British steamer, for Hollow. market at 193 per cent, premium cum new issue for the end of the month, and 196 for April 30th. Lower rates will probably be accepted during the next few days. China . Fires are offered at 355, without securing purchasers. In Sugar stocks, Chinas have been bought and sold to a considerable extent at 203, leaving off very firm with buyers at that rate. Luzons have also been dealt in across for cash and 112 for July 31st. There are, however, plenty shares on offer at the cash rate. Hotels remain very firm with buyers at quotation. Other stocks require no special reference,

4 o'clock p.m. Owing to the Boys Athletic Sports at the Cricket Ground, no share transactions of importance have been reported since we last wrote:

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-Ex New Issue -154 per cent, premium. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-New Issue. 152 per cent. premium-nominal. Union Insurance Society of Canton-\$2,200 per share, buyers,

China Traders' Insurance Company-\$2,300 per share, sales and buyers. North China Insurance—Tis. 1,600 per share, Canton Insurance Company, Limited-\$135 per-

Yangtsze Insurance Association-Tls. 880 per Chinese Insurance Company-\$220 per share,

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited-Tls. 150 per share. Hongkong Fire Insurance Company-\$1,325 per share, buyers,

China Fire Insurance Company-\$355 per share, Hongkong and Whampon Dock Company-61

per cent. premium, sales and buyers. Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co. --\$36 per share, premium. China and Manila Steam Ship Company-115 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company-\$80 per share. Hongkong Hotel Company-\$165 per share,

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, L mited-par. China Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$203 per share, sales and buyers.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures) -3 per cent. premium Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$106 per share, sales and sellers.

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Shipping.

CARNATEL, British bark, 871, Alex. A. McPhail, 27th March,-Newcastle, N.S.W., 1st Jan.,

Coals.—Captain. ALBAY, British steamer, 366, F. D. Goddard, 27th March,-Taiwanioo 24th March, and Amoy 26th, General.-D. Lapraik & Co.

GLENSTONE, British bark, 698, Henderson, 27th March,—Sydney, N.S.W., 26th January, Coals.—Adamson, Bell & Co. BIVOUAC, British steamer, 831. A. J. Campbell,

27th March,-Saigon 22nd March, General. -Tung Kee & Co. PEGASUS, British sloop, Commander Bickford, 27th March,—from a cruise.

HWAI-YUEN, Chinese steamer, 984, Wilson, 18th March,-Canton 27th March, General.-"C. M. S. N. Co.

GLENOGLE, British steamer, 2,000, Hogg, 28th March,-London 9th February, and Singapore 22nd March, General.-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

TOO-NAN, Chinese steamer, 1,261, Marsden, 28th March, -Amoy 26th March, and Swatow 27th, General.-C. M. S. N. Co. TEUCER, British steamer, 1,630, R. T. Power,

28th March,-Shanghai and Swatow 27th March, General.-Butterfield & Swire. RODERICK HAY, British bark, 290, P. H. Nicolson, 28th March,—Whampoa 26th March, General.—Turner & Co.

THALES, British steamer, 820, T. G. Pocock, 28th March,-Swatow 27th, General.-D. Lapraik & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE, Orion, Austrian steamer, for Singapore.

DEPARTURES March 28, Saltee, French steamer, for Hal-

March 28, Greyhound, British str., for Hoihow. March 28, Gerd Heye, Ger. bark, for Chefoo, March 28, Tanais, French steamer, for Yoko-

March 28, Crusader, British str., for Saigon. March 28, Orion, Austrian steamer, for Straits, Colombo, and Bombay. March 28, Hailoong, British steamer, for Amoy, Taiwanfoo, and Tamsui.

March 28, Adele, German bark, for Manila. March 28, President Simpson, British bark, for

March 28, Hector, British str., for Shanghal. March 28, Yangisé, French str., for Shanghai. March 28, Vigilant, British gunboat, for a cruise.

PASSENGERS-ARRIVED.

Per Bivouac, str., from Saigon,-19 Chinese. Per Albay, str., from Taiwanfoo, &c .- 1 European on deck, and 2 Chinese. Per Teucer, str., from Shanghai, &c.-Mr. and Mrs. Cranston and family, Madame Colding, Captain Williams, Messrs. Wilkinson,

Ewen, and Krey, and 880 Chinese. Per Too-nan, str., from Amoy, &c.-Captain Walker, and 821 Chinese. Per Glenogle, str., from London, &c.-Messrs. Hagan, Trustein, Paterson, and Mrs. Crawford, and 300 Chinese.

Per Thales, str., from Swatow.-115 Chinese. Per Yangisi, str., from Hongkong.-Rev. Mr. Fage, Miss Young, Messrs. Rose, Jameson, Goodwin, Rosselet, and Stanfeld, and o Chinese, for Shanghai. From Marseilles.-Mr. and Mrs. Dane, Messrs. Brazier, Bush, Howie, Hasenclever, Fleischer, Reddie, Kei, Jérvine François, P. Wariginaire, F. de Meester, F. de Peuter, and Phipps. From Colombo.—Rev. Mr. Mussot. and Mr. E. Randal.

Per Tanais, str., from Hongkong.-1 Chinese, for Yokohama. From Marseilles.-Mr. and Mrs. Haell, Messrs. Wakai, and Sonobe,

REPORTS.

The Chinese steamship Too-nan reports left Amoy on the 26th instant, and Swatow on the 27th. Had strong N.E. winds.

The British steamship Tencer reports from Shanghai, and Swatow on the 27th instant. Had moderate N.E. breeze-with overcast weather. The British steamship Glenogie reports left London on the 9th February, and Singapore on

the 22nd instant. Experienced fine weather from Singapore. On the 26th passed the steamship Gleneagles, from Swatow to Singapore. The British steamship Bivouac reports left

Saigon on the 22nd instant. On the 22nd-to 25th had land sea breezes. On the 25th to port had strong N.E. wind and heavy sea, attended

The British steamship Albay reports left Taiwanfoo on the 24th instant, and Amoy on the 26th. From Talwanfoo to Amoy had atrong N.E. breeze with heavy rain. From Amoy to Cape of Good Hope had strong N. . breeze with high following sea; from thence to Mendoza had moderating breeze and sea, and from thence to port had light Northerly breeze and cloudy wear ther, In Amoy the steamships Compta, Toonan, Cheang Hoch Kian, Peter der Grosse, and Chinese revenue cruiser Fél-hoo. Passed the steamship Namoa off Single Island, and the Steamship Copile off Tamtoo.

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SHIPPING IN HONGKONG:

STEAMERS.

BELLONA, German steamer, 589. W. Schnefer, 20th March, Salgon 13th March, Rice. Siemssen & Co. BENLARIG, British steamer, 1,482, J. Clark, 25th March,-Saigon 21st March, Rice.-Gibb.

Livingston & Co. CASSANDRA, German steamer, 928, T. Wagner, 26th March, -Saigon 21st March, Rice and Paddy.—Siemssen & Co. DECIMA, German steamer, 1,151, S. Oestmann 26th March,-Saigon 20th March, Rice,-

Geo. R. Stevens & Co. ESMERALDA, British steamer, 395, G. Wright, 24th March,-Manila 21st March, General. -Russell & Co.

FAME, British steamer, 117, Stopani, (tug plying) Hongkong and Whampon Dock Co. FOKIEN, British steamer, 509, Abbott, 21st March,—Kudat 14th March, and Sandakan

16th, General.-D. Lapraik & Co. F. REYES, Spanish steamer, 617, A. de Gardoqui, 24th March,-Manila 21st March, Ballast.—Remedios & Co. HESPERIA, German steamer, 1,580, Petersen,

26th March,-Salgon 20th March, Rice and General.-Siemssen & Co. HOIHOW, British str., 896, O. Hillkirk, R.N.R. 25th March,—Saigon 20th March, General.
—Butterfield & Swire.

KHIVA, British steamer, 1,419, P. Harris, 19th March,—Yokohama 10th March, Mails and General.-P. & O. S. N. Co.

KUMAMOTO MARU, Japanese str., 1,913, Drummond, 25th March, Kode and Nagasaki 14th March, General.—Mitsu Bishi M. S. KWANGTUNG, British steamer, 674, M. Young,

27th March,-Foochow 23rd March, Amoy 24th, and Swatow 26th, General.-D. Lapraik & Co. KWONGSANG, British steamer, 1,000, St. Croix,

27th March,-Shanghai 22nd March, General:-Jardine, Matheson & Co. Lydia, German steamer, 1,180. Paulsen, 7th

March.—Ah Yon. MINDANAO, Spanish steamer, 623, Fryer, 5th Feb.,-Manila and February, General.-Dunn, Melbye & Co. Picciola, German steamer, 864, R. Nissen, 24th

Scotta, British steamer, 4,467, R. Cate, 8th March,—Saddle Islands 3rd March.—E. E. Telegraph Co.

March, Saigon 19th March, Rice. - Wieler

SEA GULL, American steamer, 48, Hayden, Nov. 24th, -China Traders' Insurance Co. VORWAERTS, German steamer, 612, F. Boysen, 25th March,-Saigon 20th March, Rice.-Wieler.& Co.

YANGTSZE, British steamer, 784, D. Casson, 20th March,-Salgon 16th March, Rice.-Siems-YOTTUNG, British steamer, 286, H.: Kennett, June 23rd,—Quangai 19th June, General.— Kwok Acheong & Sons.

SAILING-VESSELS-

ADOLPH, Germanbark, 868, R. Mohr, 26th Feb., -Hamburg 18th October, General.-Carlowitz & Co.

ALDEN BESSIE, American bark, A. Noyes, 22nd Dec. Portland, Oregon 12th Nov., Spars. -Melchers & Co. ANTOINETER, British bark, 1,014. E. T. Bunje, 6th January,-Manila 27th December, Bal-

last.—Order.—Kowloon Dock. P. CHENEY, American ship, 1,322, C. E. Humphreys, 5th Feb.,—Cardiff 9th Sept., Coal.—Russell & Co.

CHANDERNAGOR, Siberian bark, 682, Mercier, 6th Feb., Manila 27th Jan., Ballast.—Cariowitz & Co. CHAS. G. RICE, American bark, 715, A. W.

Smart, 12th Jan.,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 18th November, Adamson, Bell & Co. COLOMA, American bark, 853, Noyes, 5th Jan., Portland, Oregon 8th November, Lumber.—

Melchers & Co. CYPRUS, British ship, 1,392, Johnson, 11th Jan., -Middlesbro 4th August, Iron.-Russell

C. B. HAZELTINE, American bark, 880, Gilkey, 4th Feb.,-Rio de Janeiro 9th Oct., Petroleum.—Russell & Co. ERNST, German bark, 664, H. D. Pundt, 25th

GERD HEYE, German bark, 576, E. Lodewigs, 10th March, -Whampon 17th March, General.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

GUARDIAN, American ship, 1,124, Fletcher, 3rd Feb., -Newcastle, N.S.W., 8th Dec., Coals, -Arnhold, Karberg & Co. HECHT, German schooner, 358, W. Ploetz, 23rd March,-Iloilo 9th March, Sapanwood,-

Siemssen & Co. JOHN WORSTER, American bark, F. A. Houghton, 11th Feb.,-Newcastle, N.S.W., 19th Dec., Coal.—Ed. Schellbass & Co. IONATHAN BOURNE, American bark, 1,472, A

Hoarn, 10th March, Newcastle, N.S.W., 8th January, Coal.—Russell & Co. LIVINGSTONE, German bark, 531, H. Steffens, 14th Jan.,-Honolulu 12th December, Bal-Jast.—Siemssen & Co.

LUCIA, British bark, 640, C. Crowley, 5th March, -London 15th October, General -- Adamson, Bell & Co. Louisa, German 3-m. sch., 245, Schierloch, and Jan.,-Whampon 31st Dec., General,-Ed.,

Schelihass & Co. MARY WHITRIDGE, American ship, 862, Geo, Freeman, and Feb.,-New York 14th Sept. Kerosene Oil.-Russell & Co. MAY, German schooner, 180, N. D. Dilekee,

21st March,-Amoy 18th March, Ballast.-Wicler & Co. MERCURY, American ship, 1,156, Panno, 4th March,-Singapore 1st February, Timber.

PAPA, German bark, 748, F. H. Bannau, 5th March.-Cronstadt 25th October, Flour.-Siemssen & Co." March,-Hamburg 21st Sept., General. Melchers & Co.

PRISCILLA, British bark, 767, B. Young, 25th roll & Co. PROFESSOR NORDENSKJOLD, Norwegian 3-m.

P. N. BLANCHARD, American ship, 1,486, F. L. Oukes, 6th March,—Cardiff, Coal.—Russell

SIR WM. WALLACE, British bark, 968, T. R. Two Broihers American ship, 1.382 (Hayden) Brown, 24th Feb.,-Newcastle, N.S. W. SOPHOCLES British ship, 1:190, Alex. Smith, Wigliant American ship, 1,800 (Gould)—Fragar Loudoun Castle (s.) ... Antwerp Feb. 11 4th Feb. Sydney 5th Dec., Coal Arn Zephyr, British schooner, 250 (Ewart) - P. Hodbold, Karperg & Co.
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HONGKONG SAILING VESSELS.

(Continued.) STAR QUEEN, British bark, 204, J. Abbott, 20th March,-Champion Bay (Australia) 2330 January, Sandalwood.-Jardine, Matheson

WAGRIEN, German 3-m. schooner, 179, AvDib-burn, 21st March,—Amoy 17th March, Ballast. -- Wieler & Co. WENSKERY JEN, American ship, 1,668, H. Talpay, 26th Feb.,-Cardiff 27th October, Coal

WESER, German bark, 916, H. Hellmers, 11th Jan.,-Cardiff 9th September, Coal.-Order. W. H. BESSE, American bark, 1,027, Baker, 7t

WHAMPOA.

March,-Newcastle 29th December, Coal.-

IDEUC, French bark, 388, J. Durand, 18th February,-Quinhon 1st Feb., Ballast .-Carlowitz & Co.

CANTON.

NINGPO, British steamer, 761, R. Cass, 25th March,-Shanghai 22nd March, General.-Siemssen & Co.

RIVER STEAMERS.

Hankow, British steamer, 2,235, Ogston.—Butterfield & Swire. Ho-nam, British steamer, 1,377, T. Benning.— Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co. Kiang-ping, Chinese steamer, 360, Holmes .-C. M. S. N. Co.

Kiu-kiang, British steamer, 617, A. Benning.-Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steam-boat Co. Kiung-chow, British steamer, 159, Goggin .-Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co. Powan, British steamer, 1,890, Hoyland-Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steam-boat Co. Spark, British steamer, 140.—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steam-boat Co.

White Cloud, British steamer, 527.-Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steam-boat Co. Yot-sai, British steamer, 180, Lefavor-Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

In Port on 24th March, 1883.

Albatros, German schooner, 216 (Brunnsa) ... Pasedag & Co. Assens, Danish bark, 255 (Vandal)-H. A. Petersen & Co. Auguste, British schooner, 210 (Thomsen)-Faugh Balaugh, German schooner, 240 (Rute)— H. A. Petersen & Co.

Gitanilla, British bark, 503 (Taylor)-Brown Hilda, British bark, 309 (Richter)-Pasedag Hilda Maria, German bark, 275 (Tennis)-Pase-Mozart, German brig, 234 (Storm)-Pasedag

Velox, Dutch bark, 240 (J. Wilkens)-H. A. Petersen & Co.

> FOOCHOW. In Port on 23rd March, 1883.

Kvik, Norwegian bark, 417 (Larsen)—Russell Minna, British bark, 435 (Davey-Chinese.

> SHANGHAI. In Port on 21st March, 1883.

Anglo-Indian, British bark, 444 (Graham) Drysdale, Ringer & Co. Chihaya Maru, Japanese bark, 414 (Kamaska)-Chingtah, Chinese bark, 472 (Taylor)-C. M.

S. N. Co. Florence Treat, British bark, 790 (Dobson)-Jardine, Matheson & Co. G. H. Wappaus, German bark, 538 (Boysen)-Meyerink & Co.

H. Upmann, German bark, 426 (Weber)-Ed. J. S. Stone, American bark-Captain. Kolga, British bark, 359 (Ketel.)-Nils Moller. Kolga, German bark, 540 (Lome Bang)-Russell

Fearl, American bark, 536 (Howes)-Chapman, Rosa Madre, Italian bark, 911 (Ottone)-Max. March, -Shanghai 18th March, General - Tsurunoye Maru, Japanese bark, 369 (Tessen-

sohn)—Kogio & Co. Tyburnia, British bark, 948 (Chalmers)—W. Hewett & Co. W. Siegfried, British bark, 393 (Hanson)-Nils

> NAGASAKI. In Port on 17th March, 1883.

Channel Queen, British bark, 609 (Lacheur)-Olga, Russian Schooner, (Cooper)-Holme, Ringer & Co. Siberia, Russian schooner, 126 (Brolin)-Holme, Sumanoura Maru, Japanese bark, 925 (Spiegelthal)-M. R. M. Co. Stout, Norwegian bark, 581 (Hennester)-Cap-

YOKOHAMA. **

In Port on 16th March, 1883. . Cashman, Russian schooner, 50 (Sternberg)-Alexander, American schooner, 50 (Carlson)-'Alma, American schooner, 52 (Tibbey)-J. D. Carroll & Co. Black Diamond, German , bark, 670 (Boyd)-P. Diana, American schooner, 75 (Peterson)-Cap-Elisa, American schooner, 113 (Abbott)-D. E. von Beaulieu, German bark, 336 (Getting)-

Fi & Amanda, German bark, 370 (Borgward) PHŒNIX, German bark, 683, M. Diewitz, 15th Helena, American schooper, 40 (Bischof)-M. Ginsbuy.
Lizzie, American schooner, Co (Abbott)-D. Car-March,-Newcastle 8th January, Coal Ed. M. C. Bohm, German schooner, 56 P. Bohm. Schellhass & Co.

Overson Nordenskiold, Norwegian 3-m. Captain.

sch., 453, E. Jensen, 5th Feb.,—Newcastle, Otome, American schooner, 52 W. (Hardy)—N.S.W., 21st December, Coal.—Russell & Snow & Co. Otter, American schooner, 56 (Littlejohn)-J. E. Collyer & Co. Rose, American schooner, 40 (Wilson)-W. Copeland.
Sophie, Russian brig, 330 (P. Lemascheffey) Schwan, German brig, 276, T. Schroder, 24th F. Retz.

March,—Iloilo 8th March, Wood.—Siems.

Stella, Russian schooner, 40 (Isaacs)—F. Retz.

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Albatross, screw sloop, 4 guns, Commander Chas. Hicks, Hongkong. Audacious, double-screw iron frigate, Captain R. E. Tracey, Hongkong. Champion, corvette, 14 guns, Captain Russell S. G. Pasley, Singapore. Cleopatra, corvette, 14 guns, Captain Hippisley

Curacoa, corvette, 14 guns, Captain Anstruther, Daring, composite sloop, 4 guns, Commander F J. J. Eliott, Kobe. Esk, double-screw gunboat, 3 guns, In reserve, Flying-Fish, sloop, 4 guns, Lieut-Commander Hoskyn, Hongkong.

Fly, double-screw gun-vessel, 4 guns, Comman der J. Hope, Singapore. Foxhound, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander McQuhae, Sandakan. Kestrel, double-screw gun-vessel, 4 guns, Commander E. Hotham, Shanghal. Linnet, British gunboat, Commander C. P. Har-

ris, Hongkong. Magpie, surveying vessel, 4 guns, Lieut. Com. printed in the Hongkong Directory and Hong Carpenter, Hongkong. Midge, double-screw gun-vessel, in reserve, Moorhen, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander

J. H. Corfe, Kobe. Pegasus, sloop, 6 guns, Commander Bickford Sheldrake, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieut.-Comunder M. Bridger, Yokohama.

Swift, double-screwgun-vessel, 5 guns, Commander Collins, Hongkong. Thalia, British troopship, Captain J. W. Brackenbury, C.M.G., Hongkong. Tweed, double-screw gunboat, 3 guns, in reserve

V. Emanuel, receiving ship, 20 guns, Commo dore Cuming, Hongkong. Vigilant, paddle despatch-vessel, 2 guns, Lieut. Commander C. Lindsay, Hongkong Wivern, turret-ship, 4 guns, in reserve, Hong-

Pollard, Tientsin. FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA STATION.

Zephyr, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieutenant-Commander

Abreck, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Captain Adonis, French gunboat, 5 guns, Commander Caillard, Saigon, Africa, Russian corvette, 8. guns, Captain Alexeyeff, Singapore.

Alert, American corvette, 4 corvette, Commader Kempff, Kobe. Aragon, Spanish frigate, Don Jose R. Hiquero, Duke of Edinburgh, Russian ironclad, Captain

de Giers, Hongkong.

Valrondt, Chefoo.

Elizabeth, German corvette, 15 guns, Captain Hollmann, Nagasaki. Ermak, Russian transport, Captain, Kolichau, Gornostal, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander Stark, Vladivostock. litis, German gunboat, 8 guns, Commander, Klausa, Swatow. Kersaint, French corvette, Commander Beaumont, Hongkong. La Victorieuse, French frigate, 14 guns, Captain

de la Batie, Hongkong. Lutin, French gunboat, 4 guns, Commander Rouvier, Hongkong, Monocacy, American gunboat, 6 guns, Comman, der C. S. Cotton, Hongkong. Morge, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander Tatarinoff, Japan.

Palos, American gunboat, 6 guns, Lieutenant-Commander Green, Kobe. PLASTOON, Russian corvette, 8 guns, Captain Many boxes of letters are received at the Post Poliansky, Saigon. Richmond, American frigate, 14 guns, Captain Skerrett, Hongkong. Sobol, Russian gunboat, 7 gunboat, Commander Hoyle, Vladivostock.

St. Petersburg, Russian transport, 6 guns, Captain Sidenener, Vladivostock. Stosch, German corvette, 19 guns, Captain von Blanc, Whampoa Tamega, Portuguese gunboat, Commander da Costa Cabral, Macao.

Tongous, Russian gunboat, Commander Hock. Velasco, Spanish cruiser, Captain J. M.-War-Vestnik, Russian cruiser, Commander Avelan

Villars, French corvette, 15 guns, Captain! M. Dewatre, Hongkong. Vostock, Russian gunboat, 4 guns, Commander Molchonsky, Japan. Wolf, German gunboat, 4 guns, Commander Strauch. Chefoo.

CANTON GUNBOAT SQUADRON. An-lan, Viceroy's gunboat, 7 guns, Lin Kuo Ch'ang, Hongkong. Chee-hing, Revenue cruiser, 2 guns, Chinese Captain, Canton. Chen-to, Viceroy's gunboat, 7 guns, J. Stewart, Chen-jui, Revenue cruiser, 3 guns, Chinese-Hongkong. Ching-on, Revenue cruiser, 2 guns, Chung Wing Ching-tsing, Viceroy's gunboat, 4 guns, F. Besward, Hongkong. Chop-chung, Revenue cruiser, Ll Tack Ming Chop-sai, Viceroy's gunboat, Chang, on a cruise, Hal-ch'ang-ching, Revenue cruiser, 3 guns, Wa Jul Ch'ang, Hongkong, Hal-king-ching, Viceroy's gunboat, 3 guns, Ch'en Liang Chieh, Hongkong.

Hoi-tung-hung, Viceroy's gunboat, Leung Viu-Hua-shan, Viceroy's gunboat, 2 guns, H. J. Faunch, Li-she, Revenue cruiser, 3 guids, Chinese, Canton; Man-lin-ching, Chinese gunboat, Canton,
Peng-chao-hai, Revenue cruiser, 4 guns, Chow Shot, Hongkong of the Market of the State of Opang-on, Viceroy's gunboat, 4 guns, Lie Ping Tie, Canton Tie. Cantom.

Shen-chi. Revenue cruiser, g guns: San Tsing.

Tai Hongkong.

Sui-tsing Viceroy's gunboat 4 guns: TB.

Murray Hai Ling Shan.

Tching-on Viceroy's gunboat 2 guns chinese

Admiral Boque Forts

Tching-po Viceroy's gunboat 3 guns ching.

Boque Forts

Tchun-tung: Revenue cruiser 2 guns ching.

Ti Hu, West Coast

Tolur-tung: Revenue cruiser 2 guns a Gardian.

Tsing-po Viceroy's gunboat, 6 guns A. Gardian.

Taing-po Viceroy's gunboat, 6 guns A. Gardian.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE For Straits and London .- Per Tencer, to-morrow, the 29th instant, at 3.30 P.M. For Swatow, Amoy, and Shanghai. Per Hoj-For Kudat and Sandakan,—Per Fokien, tomorrow, the 29th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Salgon. Per Yangisse, to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 4.30 P.M. For Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow. - Per Kwang. tung, on Friday, the 30th instant, at 11:30 A.M. For Nagasaki and Kobe. Per Kumamoto Maru, on Friday, the 30th instant, at 3.30 P.M. For Batavia.—Per Compta, on Friday, the 30th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

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Khiva, on Saturday, the 31st instant, at 11.30 For Amoy, Tamsui, & Taiwanfoo. Per Albay, on Saturday, the 31st instant, at 11.30 P.M. The Postal Guide published in 1879 being now somewhat out of date, a revised issue is

List for the Far East for 1883, which supersedes all previous editions. HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS. THE ENGLISH MAIL The following hours are observed in closing.

Mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet :--THE RESIDENCE OF DEPARTURE NOON. -- Money Order Office closes. 2.00 P.M.- Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases. 3.00 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

3.10 P.M.-Letters may be posted with late fee of 10 cents until 3.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely. 3.40 P.M .- Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with late fee of to cents until time of departure. The analy seeked in applied

THE FRENCH MAILES DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE F.M., Money Order Office closes .- Post+Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours. DAY OF DEPARTURE.

7. A.M., Post Office opens." 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting c all printed matter and patterns ceases. II A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters. 11:10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee 11:30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.

11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board

the packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents until time of departure. SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS. 1.—Privates in H.M. Army or Navy. Noncommissioned, Officers, Bandmasters, Army Schoolmasters (not Superintending or First Class)
Writers or Schoolmistresses may send half-ounce letters to the United Kingdom by mail at the rate of four cents (two-pence) each, which may be prepaid either in Imperial or in Hongkong Stamps. By private steamer the postage is two cents (one penny).

2. The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned Officers named above. -3. Private steamers leave Hongkong for London about every ten days.

4. The letters must not exceed half an ounce. No handkerchiefs, jewellery, &c., can be sent, even with the ends open. 5. If from a Soldier or Sailor his class and description must be stated in full on the letter, the cover of which must be signed by the formmanding Officer, with name of regiment, ship, &c., in full, If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class and description, with name of regiment, ship, &c. Nerpa, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander must be stated in full. 5.—Soldiers and Sailors have no privileges

with regard to books or papers, nor can these be prepaid with Imperial Stamps. Office not scaled, that is to say, the box is fastened with scaling wax, but there is no impression of a

Seal. The attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal, and of sending a chitbook or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached the Post Office : the omission of the former, as to whether part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps. RATES OF POSTAGE.

Letters, per à oz To Centa Post Cards, cach Books, Patterns, and Commercial Papers, per 2 oz. Newspapers & Prices Current, each 2 Cents. Registration to Cents, Do. with return receipt..... 15 Cents. Commercial papers signify such papers as, though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge is the same as for Books, but all packets of and under 4 oz weight are charged 5 Cents.

LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILING When it is desired to forward letters to the United States by a sailing ship which is not notified as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to post the letters in the ordinary way marked with the name of the ship, and prepaid to cents per half ounce as usual. The Post Office then undertakes the duty of obtaining notice of depart ture and despatching the correspondence. It is requested that the letters be posted if possible at least one day before the date fixed for sailing.

Persons who send Musters of Tes through the Post in Tins are requested to have them made flat or square instead of round, as it is impossible to pack round ting securely in the mail bags. It is believed that the tea will travel more safely in flat tins, which are not so liable as round ones to be bulged in ... 4.by 3 by 15 inches is suggested as a good size. The tins should not have sharp

A Pillar Box has been established at the West Point Police Station (opposite the sailors' Home) and another at the south front of the Harbour Department The hours of clearance are as West Point Laco Loos At Laco Laco Loos At La